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Jeremy Brown (right) makes a new friend (left) at Powell Elementary.

(L-R) Kurt Scott, Logan Brummitt, Chamique Holdsclaw, Jason Adams, LaShonda Stephens, Niya Butts, Jeremy Brown, Kyra Elzy and Quinten Patterson take time out for a photo at Powell Elementary School.

Some members of the University of Tennessee's football squad stopped by St. Mary's Hospital to see some of the young patients in the pediatric ward of the hospital. Photo by Sarah Houser.

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A Wanted Man . . . Raynoch Thompson

If speed kills, then Tennessee linebacker Raynoch Thompson is a wanted man.

The junior from New Orleans anchors the left side linebacker spot, but possesses the speed of a defensive back or tailback.

"His speed is all the difference in the world," defensive coordinator John Chavis said. "You take a guy who is 4.7 and put him out there and he doesn't make the plays Raynoch does. There is no substitute for speed."

Thompson agrees his speed is a great asset and his improved strength makes him a solid and reliable defender for the Vols. Also aiding in the play of Thompson this year is his past playing experience.

"This season I am not worried about what I am doing wrong, but I am worried about what I need to be doing," he said. "Last year was much more of a learning process and just trying to get that first year under my belt. That has helped me this season."

Understanding the defensive scheme of the Vols has been important to the success of Thompson.

"I wish I could take credit and say coaching has made a difference, but Raynoch is very talented," Chavis said. "He has just gotten better and better because he understands our scheme. He understands what he can do in our scheme to be successful."

In fact the entire defense is understanding the scheme Chavis has it playing. The Vols did not allow a touchdown in a 17-9 win over Auburn and a 22-3 win over then No. 6 Georgia.

But it was the passing game that was supposed to be the problem for Tennessee against the Bulldogs. Freshmen quarterback Quincy Carter had just gone 27-34 for 318 yards and two touchdowns in a 28-27 victory over Louisiana State. But the Tennessee defense had different plans for Carter and the Bulldogs.

With constant pressure from the Tennessee defense, Carter completed only 14 of 37 attempts and was intercepted twice. The Georgia running attack was only able to muster 59 yards.

Raynoch Thompson has proven to be a formiddable force at outside linebacker. It was his tackle against Auburn on 4th-and-goal that proved to be a pivotal play in the game. Thompson has improved steadily over the past two seasons and is gaining respect from opposing teams.

"We like to blitz a whole lot, because if a quarterback feels comfortable in the pocket he can pick you apart," Thompson said. "Carter is an exceptional quarterback and if he could have set back in the pocket he could have caused some trouble for us. We were able to apply pressure to him and get him a little rattled. He could not make his reads as quick. We want to get after the quarterback every chance we get."

Part of what made the Vol pass rush so successful was the tight coverage the secondary was able to put on the Bulldog receivers. Thompson knows in blitz situations the pressure has to get to the quarterback.

"The pressure has to get there because our cornerbacks and safeties can't be covering one-on-one all day," Thompson said. "Coach Chavis shows a lot of confidence in our secondary because it leaves our defensive backs on an island in man-to-man defense. Those guys have been able to come up with some interceptions and some big plays."

One of the biggest was free safety Deon Grant's fourth quarter interception against Florida. It appeared a Florida receiver was open, but Grant was able to pick the ball out of the air for his first career interception. The interception was due in part to the pressure that was being applied to the quarterback.

"I love the front seven," Grant said. "It is very important for the secondary and for the defensive line and linebackers to play well. If wasn't for those guys putting on the pressure we would not have been able to make some of the plays we have made. I am grateful for those guys."

The pressure continued in a 42-7 win over Houston, and the Vol defense clamped down on Auburn as well.

The Tiger offense was limited to three field goals on the day. But a touchdown was well within reach, but a goal line stand kept the Tigers out of the end zone.

Just past midway point of the second quarter, Auburn recovered a Vol fumble at the Tennessee 1-yard line. It seemed a sure thing that the Tigers would take the ball in for six.

But somebody forget the to tell the Vol defense. Auburn quarterback Gabe Gross was stopped twice for no gain. Tellie Embery was stopped on the right side of the line for no gain. Then on fourth down, Embery got the call again.

This time Thompson came free from the right side and stopped Embery for a 1-yard loss. It was first down Tennessee. "We knew we could stop them," Thompson said. "I was just doing what I was supposed to be doing and coming off the end on fourth down. Every time we practice goal line defense that is what I am supposed to do. That was a big confidence booster for us and should help us the rest of the season.

"We have worked all year long to keep the team out of the end zone. We just want to keep on doing that."

For his part, Thompson had registered a team-leading 42 tackles heading in the Alabama game.

This is coming off a season when he totaled 67 tackles. He also had 12 Big Plays last season, but has already reached that number this season. Along with fellow linebacker Al Wilson, Thompson is tied for the team lead in Big Plays with 12.

Thompson has caused two fumbles, recovered two fumbles and recorded six tackles for a loss. Both of his fumble recoveries came in the 20-17 win over Florida. The first one was in the Tennessee end zone and probably prevented a Florida touchdown. Wilson caused both fumbles Thompson recovered. Those were two of three fumbles Wilson caused during the game.

"Al is doing a tremendous job for us," Thompson said. "He is a leader and a coach both on the field and off the field. The whole team looks to him for leadership. It is a big advantage for us to have someone like Al because he does a whole lot for this defense. He shows great emotion."

Wilson and Thompson are two of the reasons the Vol defense has been successful thus far. Their speed and quickness enable them to get through the blocks and put pressure on the quarterback.

"It is a whole lot of fun getting after it and forcing the action," Thompson said. "We get to utilize our speed and use a lot of movement. I am playing my part in the defense and hopefully I will continue to get better to help the defense. Everybody is taking care of their part and the result speaks for itself."

—Rob Hardin

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— DEFENSIVE COORDINATOR JOHN CHAVIS

Vols 35, Alabama 18... Peerless, Travis Henry Lead Way!

Shields-Watkins Field, Knoxville, Tenn., Oct. 24, 1998, Game No. 1022 (683-286-53, 694).

It was vintage Tennessee-Alabama football here today, the 81st renewal of this classic series, one which was shaped 70 years and four days ago. It is a series in which underdogs compete hard and the winners are generally hard-pressed to do prevail.

We weren't there in 1928 when Gene McEver took the opening kickoff 98 yards for a TD to spark a 15-13 win that put the Vols in the big-time football business to stay. But Peerless Price's 100-yard kickoff return after the Tide had closed the margin to 14-11 with 5:11 to go in the third period had to have been one of the biggest in school history. The Vols needed a big play and Price's run southward down the west sideline was just was the doctor ordered. He was the third Vol to return a kickoff 100 yards, joining Pete Panuska (1984 Sun Bowl against Maryland) and Willie Gault (1980 against Pittsburgh).

A crowd of 107,289, third largest in Neyland Stadium history, saw Peerless make his big play and send momentum back to the east sideline and restore order at 21-11. An 84-yard drive spanning the end of the third and the beginning of the fourth quarters was the coup de grace and gave the Vols a 17-point lead, which, incidentally, was the final margin, 35-18.

The conventional wisdom was that one of the Travises would have to step forward, just as happened at Georgia, and this time it was Travis Henry, who carried 22 times for 113 yards and two scores, both in the fourth quarter. (Gen. Neyland, Bear Bryant or somebody else always said that you couldn't tell about a player until he had performed in the fourth quarter of a Tennessee-Alabama game. If that is so, Henry definitely would have made it in the General's book.)

Back to the story. Tennessee took the opening drive 76 yards in seven plays for a score, just like it was 1967 at Legion Field or 1968 here at Gen. Neyland's Stadium. Tee Martin, who seemingly does nothing but win in his six-game tenure as Vol starter, found Jeremaine Copeland for 22, Cedrick Wilson for 16 more and sent Price for 6 more on a neatly-run reverse. Travis Stephens, the other Travis who carried nine times for 42 yards, ran for 15 more. It was Wilson for 18 more at the right side before Martin found the north end zone from 1 yard out. The Tide closed to 7-3 and that was the margin before Martin led a second scoring drive just before halftime.

Henry had a 25-yard run to key the drive and Wilson had a 14-yard catch. Tee Martin got the score on a 5-yard run at left end. The scoring drive was sandwiched between two missed field goals by the Tide, a circumstance bemoaned by Alabama coach Mike DuBose after the game.

After another missed fielder, the Tide closed to 14-11 before Peerless did his thing. There was a flag on the play right where Peerless broke the run, but Alabama was flagged and the multi-

Tennessee didn't pass much in its 35-18 win over Alabama, but Tee Martin and Vol receivers were effective as they had to be. Martin made a nifty fake (above) and Jeremaine Copeland made the grab. Photo by John Karnes.

tudes in Orange and White breathed easier.

Henry took things into his own hands on the Vols next touchdown drive.

When John McKay was cranking out tailbacks at a record pace at UCLA, he was asked why he gave the ball to his tailback so much. His response: "It's not heavy." In that spirit, Henry, who gives tacklers as good as he gets, carried the final seven plays for 40 yards total and the touchdown which made it 28-11. It was a great performance.

The Tide closed to 28-18 before the Vols stopped Alabama three times and Henry dominated the proceedings again, eventually scoring from 2 yards out. The Vols knocked it in to establish the final margin, going for it once on fourth down and it was a beautiful sight there at the north end.

"I didn't expect to get this many carries," Henry said, "but when I kept getting the ball I knew I had to step it up. I think I caught them by surprise by how hard I was running and we were able to wear them down."

Defensively, Raynoch Thompson was in on 11 tackles, with a sack (-10). The ever-inspirational Al Wilson was in on eight hits. Eric Westmoreland (-1), Shaun Ellis (-3) and DeAngelo Lloyd (-9) had tackles for losses. Lloyd also added a sack (-5).

The win put the Vols at 6-0, 4-0 in the SEC, with a trip to South Carolina this Halloween Saturday.

GAME NOTES: It was the first 35-18 game in series history and the 17-point margin matched last year's 38-21 margin... Price's return was the Vols' first kickoff return for a score since Dale Carter did so against Florida in 1990.. Freshman Willie Miles had a touchdown- saving tackle on an Alabama kickoff return... Jeff Hall had five points today, giving him 311 for his career, behind only Fuad Reveiz (314) and John Becksvoort (317). With 161 career PATs made, Hall is tied with Becksvoort for the SEC career lead. Hall leads the SEC with 166 PATs attempted... The Vols improved to 17-4 against the Western Division, with a 12-game winning streak in their collective pockets... The Vols are 43-5 over their last 48 games ... Henry's 113 rushing yards were a career high... The Vols have had a 100-yard rusher in five of the six games this season (Jamal Lewis 3, Stephens 1 and Henry 1)... The Vols have given up 87 points all season and 54 in their last five games, 47 in four SEC games as the defense continues to shine.

--Volunteers Magazine Staff

Division	Conference W	Conference L	Overall W	Overall L
EAST				
Tennessee	4	0	6	0
Florida	4	1	6	1
Georgia	4	1	6	1
Kentucky	2	3	5	3
Vanderbilt	1	4	1	6
S. Carolina	0	6	1	7
WEST				
Arkansas	3	0	6	0
Miss. St.	3	1	5	2
Ole Miss	2	2	5	2
LSU	2	3	4	3
Alabama	2	3	4	3
Auburn	1	4	2	5

SEC Scores: Auburn 32- La. Tech 17; Georgia 28- Kentucky 26; Ole Miss 30- Arkansas St. 17; LSU 41- Miss. St. 6; and Vanderbilt 17- So. Carolina 14.

Tennessee Statistics vs. Alabama

Team Statistics	TENN	UA
First Down	22	21
Rushing	12	9
Passing	7	10
Penalty	3	2
Rushing Attempts	51	37
Yards Gained	259	180
Yards Lost	28	38
Net Yards Rushing	231	142
Net Yards Passing	117	177
Passes Attempted	14	39
Passes Completed	10	18
Had Intercepted	0	1
Total Offensive Plays	65	76
Total Net Yards	348	319
Fumbles-Lost	1-0	3-0
Int. Return/Yards	1/22	0/0
Penalties/Yards	4/39	6/75
3rd Down Conversions	1/9	9/18
4th Down Conversions	2/2	1/2
Punts/Average	4/36.0	4/48.8
Punt Returns/Yards	4/28	4/31
Kickoff Returns/Yards	3/136	6/127
Sacks By/Yards	2/15	2/13
Time of Possession	29:44	30:16

SCORE BY QUARTER

Alabama	3	0	8	7	— 18
TENNESSEE	7	7	7	14	— 35

1T - T. Martin, run 1. Hall kick.
Drive: 76 yards, 7 plays, 2:12 possession, 12:48 clock.
1A - Pflugner, FG 41.
Drive: 10 yards, 6 plays, 1:42 possession, 4:48 clock.
2T - T. Martin, run 5. Hall kick.
Drive: 77 yards, 12 plays, 5:03 possession, 4:43 clock.
3A - Alexander, run 44. Jackson pass from Zow.
Drive: 72 yards, 4 plays, 1:14 possession, 5:11 clock.
3T - Price, kickoff return 100. Hall kick.
Drive: 4:51 clock.
4T - Henry, run 1. Hall kick.
Drive: 84 yards, 11 plays, 5:06 possession, 12:56 clock.
4A - Zow, run 2. Pflugner kick.
Drive: 68 yards, 11 plays, 4:07 possession, 6:14 clock.
4T - Henry, run 5. Hall kick.
Drive: 53 yards, 9 plays, 2:15 possession, :54 clock.

INDIVIDUAL RUSHING

	Att.	Gain	Lost	Net	TD	Lg
Henry	22	117	4	113	2	25
Stephens	9	44	2	42	0	15
T. Martin	13	63	22	41	2	17
Bryson	2	16	0	16	0	9
Price	2	13	0	13	0	7
Crosby	2	4	0	4	0	2
Bartholomew		1	2	0	2	0 2
Totals	**51**	**259**	**28**	**231**	**4**	**25**
UA	*37*	*180*	*38*	*142*	*2*	*44*

INDIVIDUAL PASSING

	Att.	Comp.	Int.	Yards	TD	Lg
T. Martin	14	10	0	114	0	22
UA	*39*	*18*	*1*	*177*	*0*	*26*

INDIVIDUAL RECEIVING

	No.	Yards	TD	Lg
C. Wilson	6	76	0	18
Copeland	1	22	0	22
Price	1	9	0	9
Henry	1	6	0	6
Bryson	1	4	0	4
Totals	**10**	**117**	**0**	**22**
UA	*18*	*177*	*0*	*26*

PUNTING

	No.	Yards.	Avg.	LP
Leaverton	4	144	36.0	38
UA	*4*	*195*	*48.8*	*50*

PUNT RETURNS

	Ret	Yds	Avg.	TD	Lg
Parker	4	28	7.0	0	13
UA	*4*	*31*	*7.7*	*0*	*18*

KICKOFF RETURNS

	Ret	Yds	Avg.	TD	Lg
Price	3	136	45.3	1	100
UA	*6*	*127*	*21.1*	*0*	*35*

INTERCEPTION RETURNS

	No	Yds	TD	Lg
St. Johnson	1	22	0	22
UA	*0*	*0*	*0*	*0*

FIELD GOALS

	0-29	30-39	40-49	50-60	60+	LK
Hall			0/2			
UA			*1/3*	*0/1*		

Fulmer File...
ALABAMA GAME 1998!

During the two-week period since we beat Georgia, our coaches issued a challenge to the squad. And so on a gorgeous, picture-perfect fall afternoon at Neyland Stadium, the Vols responded by making a play in the kicking game which was pivotal in our 35-18 victory against Alabama.

We couldn't have scripted the timing of Peerless Price's 100-yard kickoff return any better. Alabama had seized the momentum by cutting our lead to 14-11 midway through the third period. It was not a comfortable situation at all on the Vol sideline.

Through the Georgia game, we had failed to make a big play on either punt or kickoff returns. Clearly it was an area crying out for improvement, a point we drove home to the squad as we prepared for Alabama.

One of the steps we took to increase production was to put Peerless Price back on kickoffs. He had returned kicks in 1996, but, when he was injured in the spring of 1997, we decided to limit him to wide receiver duties.

We believed, though, Peerless could put some life into the return unit. He is one of those guys who can put space between himself and tacklers, something Dwayne Goodrich can also do. But Dwayne had a finger injury which made him questionable for return play against Alabama.

Giving the job to Peerless struck me as a good idea, especially when I saw him streaking through the Crimson Tide defense for the six points we needed badly at that stage of the game. The combination of Peerless' run and the 84-yard scoring drive on our next possession were huge factors in our win.

They might have been backbreakers against a team with less courage and fighting spirit than Alabama. The Tide, though, wouldn't give up. That's the kind of attitude you know you will see in the storied rivalry between these two neighboring-state universities. Coach Mike DuBose had his team ready for an all-out effort. Alabama made us work hard for our victory, keeping the verdict in doubt well into the fourth quarter.

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>
> *— Phillip Fulmer*

Anybody who has followed football history knows there are few moments for a Tennessee man that can match posting a win over Alabama.

Tee Martin continues to exceed expectations in that his management of the game improves with every outing.

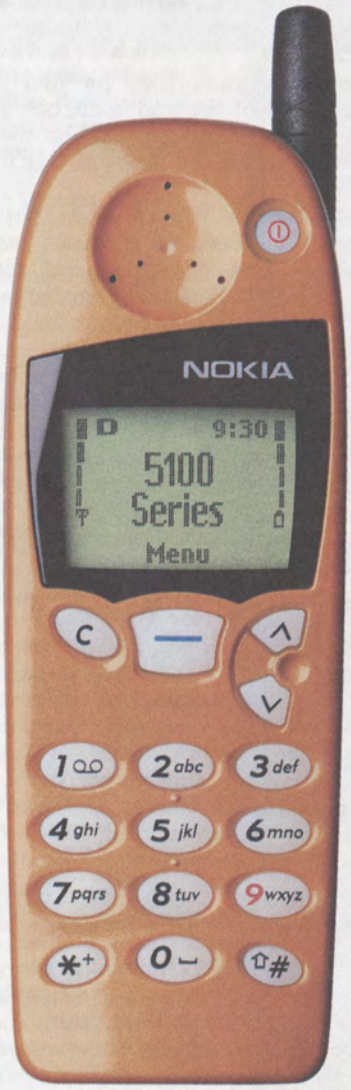
In our contest with Georgia, Travis Stephens played a dominant role. But against Alabama, it was the other Travis, namely Mr. Travis Henry, who rose to the occasion. The stocky sophomore from Frostproof, Fla., ripped off 113 yards, much of the distance resulting from second- and third-efforts after he appeared to be stopped. A team which loses a player with the credentials of a Jamal Lewis is fortunate, indeed, to come up with replacements of the cailber of Stephens and Henry. Believe me, they are a formidable duo.

Going into the season, most people would have expected us to be no better than 4-2 at this stage. But here we are, still unbeaten, the first Tennessee team to reach 6-0 since 1969. It says a great deal about the character of our squad that it has overcome so many adverse circumstances to get this far without a loss. We can't relax for one moment. Everybody is gunning for us, beginning with South Carolina Saturday at Columbia.

When we study the film, we will find plenty of work ahead of us to get ready for the Gamecocks. While I am extremely proud of this team's accomplishments, I realize that further success will require us to get better in every aspect of play.

—Phillip Fulmer

Put On Your Game Face.



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Ben Byrd on the Vols...

Dewey Warren - The Swamp Rat!

Fate must have had a hand in it. Dewey Warren came along at just the right time.

Tennessee football had suffered a bud slump, both on the field and at the gate, in the early 1960s. A new coach, young Doug Dickey, had been hired to pull the ox out of the ditch. Dickey recruited some good players, surrounded himself with a good staff, and installed the T-formation to replace the traditional single wing offense. Now all he needed was a quarterback.

The multi-talented Charlie Fulton could play almost anywhere, and when he went down with a mid-season injury in 1965, Dickey reached into the barrel and pulled out the obscure Warren to take over under center. When Fulton returned, it was at tailback. Warren had taken over as the Vol field general.

He came from Savannah, Ga., where he had earned the unflattering nickname of "Swamp Rat." Brash and cocky and never at a loss for words, he instilled confidence and a winning attitude into a program that had begun to doubt itself. For the next two and a half seasons, there were never any dull moments in UT football.

He won games in the most unpredictable ways. Dewey was a marvelous passer and a cool customer in the pocket, but his foot speed, to put it charitably, left something to be desired. Not that he would ever admit it. I remember once talking with him in the dressing room after a big victory.

"I felt quick out there today," he said.

And yet he found a way to chug across the goal line in one of the Vols' most memorable wins of the era. In that celebrated "Rosebonnet Bowl" game with UCLA at Memphis in the finale of the '65 season, the Vols were down by five points with time running out and UT at the Bruins' one-yard line. It was fourth and goal, now or never, a critical situation.

Warren took the snap, faked a handoff, and rolled left. When he reached the corner he cut back and dived for the goal line. The referee raised his arms. UCLA defenders argued that he had been stopped shy of the end zone, but game films showed them wrong. The Swamp Rat had carried the day with his flying feet!

Afterwards Warren said that the play call had been for a rollout pass to wingback Hal Wantland, but UCLA defenders had flattened him before he could run his route. So Dewey tucked the ball in and rolled left.

"It took me about two days to get there," he recalled in later years. "Austin Denny (Vol tight end) always said I ran like I had two pulled groin muscles."

In the three seasons preceding Warren, the Vols had not had a team finish above .500. In his three seasons, 1965-66-67, they went 8-1-2, 8-3 and 9-2, winning the Southeastern Conference championship in his senior year. The fun and excitement were back in Tennessee football, and much of the credit belonged to the Vols' swashbuckling quarterback.

The Vols did not pass as often in those early days of the modern T attack as they have in subsequent years, and the records that Warren set have long since been rewritten. But the "Swamp Rat" still ranks eighth in passing yardage on the all-time Vol list, with 258 completions in 440 attempts for a 58.6 percentage, 3357 yards and 27 touchdowns. And, since his time, Vol teams have played to packed houses, with very few exceptions.

Looking back in later years, Warren himself seemed to share in the wonder that others felt during his playing days.

"I really didn't look like a quarterback," he told UT grid historian Russ Bebb. "I couldn't run, I couldn't do any of that stuff. But we won. I did what I could do, and that was throw the football. I knew my limitations, so I had to get some things out of some other players."

Dewey Warren played for the Cincinnati Bengals in 1968. He later coached in both high school and college football. He is now working with Delta Publishing in their Sales Department and resides in Knoxville.

Former Vol

Dick Evey (1961-63)

Dick Evey came to the University of Tennessee from Springfield, Ohio, and lettered in 1961, 1962 and 1963. Along with All-America Steve DeLong, he helped anchor the Vol defensive line.

An All-SEC sophomore selection in 1963, Evey played at 6-4, 225, and was noted for his speed on both sides of the ball. He also was a weights man on Vol track team, who held the school record in the shot put during his time on the Hill.

Evey was an NFL first round draft choice in 1964 of the Chicago Bears, playing at Wrigley Field from 1964-69. He also played professionally for the Los Angeles Rams (1970) and the Detroit Lions (1971).

He now has real estate interests in Blount County and lives in Maryville.

Vol defensive tackle Dick Evey is shown with his senior year coach Jim McDonald in the unique 1963 Orange (and black) jerseys.

Orange and White Swim Meet

The White team dominated the Orange squad to conclude preseason practice for the AquaVols at the UT Aquatic Center. The White won 131-96 behind strong performances as they claimed eight of the thirteen events to take a 12-9 series edge over the Orange.

The Vols were set to get their season underway this past Friday night (Oct. 23) in a dual meet at Kentucky. They will return home for their first home meet of the season when they take on 18th-ranked Virginia on Nov. 6 at the UT Aquatic Center.

White Claims 8-2 Win Over Orange

The Vol baseball team completed their fall practice with their annual Orange and White affair at Lindsey Nelson Stadium on Oct. 16. The White used some strong pitching, timely hitting and took advantage of five Orange errors to claim the 8-2 win. Prior to the ballgame, the Vols held a home run contest with four former Vols (Todd Helton, Chris Freeman, Eduardo Figueroa, and Ken Folkers) and current player Donnie Ross. Ross held the top honors after the first round with eight blasts, but it was Colorado's Helton who stole the show and earned his second straight home run title, belting 13 round trippers to Ross' 12 in round two.

The Vols will hold their Leadoff Banquet on Feb. 1 at Thompson-Boling Arena with keynote speaker Brett Butler.

Vol Linksters Claim Third Place

The Vol golf team is bringing home a bronze medal from the Adams Cup Final as the Vols claimed third place honors in Newport, R.I. The Vols' Matt McWilliams claimed a share of first place to win medalist honors as they placed five Vols in the top 50. The tournament was scheduled to be a 54-hole tournament but was shortened to 36 due to inclement weather. McWilliams is the first Vol to win a tournament since 1996, when Tim Turpen won The Nelson at Palo Alto, Calif.

Tennis Results

Tennessee's Peter Handoyo and Mark Parsons both lost in the second round of the main draw at the ITA All-American Tennis Championships in Austin, Texas, on Friday, Oct. 10. However, both Vols took their highly-ranked opponents to three sets before exiting the tournament. The tournament was the biggest of the season with nearly 300 players competing in the prequalifying round of the ITA Collegiate Grand Slam event.

Cross Country in Nashville

The Vols wasted no time in Nashville last weekend as they won their third meet of the year. Doug Ellington started and finished strong as he took first overall, while Anthony Famiglietti took third. The Vols bested East Tennessee State for the title with a 19-43 edge in scoring. This meet served as a tuneup for the SEC Championships to be held at Lambert Acres in Maryville on Oct. 31.

Lady Vol Harriers Tie for First Place Honors

The Lady Volunteer cross country team kept its unbeaten record intact on Oct. 16 at the Florida Intercollegiate Championships held at the University of South Florida Golf Course. The Orange and White scored 37 points to tie the University of South Florida for meet honors. Tennessee beat out or tied 21 squads on the day, including nationally-ranked South Florida and Missouri.

Soccer Team Falls to Cats

The Lady Vol soccer team entertained Kentucky on Oct. 18, in a battle for third-place in the Southeastern Conference's Eastern Division, as both the Wildcats and Tennessee were 3-2 heading into the contest. The Wildcats scored three unanswered goals to drop the Lady Vols 3-1.

Volleyball Drops First Home Match of Season

Despite a valiant effort from Tennessee, the Lady Vols dropped their first home match of the season 0-3 (12-15, 12-15, 4-15) to South Carolina on Oct. 18. With the loss, Tennessee falls to 13-5 overall (3-3 SEC) while the Gamecocks improve to 17-3 (5-2 SEC) on the year.

Golf Team Finishes 10th

The Lady Vol golf team finished 10th at the Mercedes Benz Collegiate Championship at Gettysvue Polo, Golf and Country Club in Knoxville. Duke took top honors by finishing the tourney seven strokes better than last year's winning score. There will be a full recap in our post-South Carolina issue.

For more information on these and other stories, please go to the official UT website at *utsports.com*. There you can find the results of both the men's and women's programs.

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Late Night with Pat and Jerry

Few words need to be said to describe the madness that took place Friday night Oct. 16 before nearly 9,000 screaming fans of the Tennessee basketball teams. Words such as **bank**, **toss**, **unique**, **slam** and **promise** come to mind to describe the event titled, "Late Night with Pat and Jerry."

The lucky UT student who made a 20-footer for a semester's worth of tuition definitely will not be going to his **bank** this January. Strangely enough, he made the great shot by banking in the ball off the backboard.There was even a contest among fans where several blindfolded participants were given 99 seconds to grab as much money off the court as possible. Their bank accounts probably swelled as a result of that.

There was plenty of **tossing** that night as well. From the cheerleaders throwing each other into the air in basket tosses to the fans tossing thousands of paper airplanes onto the court to try to land theirs among the ones eligible for free airline tickets, tossing was an action of the evening. Don't forget the numerous T-shirts that were tossed into the crowd at various times throughout the event.

Fans were also given a **unique** way to experience the game of basketball as several were selected to be spun around numerous times and then asked to dribble upcourt and shoot a layup for prizes. Following the hilarious mascot basketball game, the lights went dim and all eyes focused on the video screens for a musical review of the 1997-98 season. Fans then began looking to the bottom entrances to the court while waiting for their favorite Vols or Lady Vols star to be introduced. But the teams showed something unique by descending the aisles of the huge building one at a time as they were introduced by Late Night emcee Mike Hammond.

Coach Jerry Green talks with WNOX's Mike Hammond at "Late Night with Pat and Jerry" on Oct. 16. Photo by Donnell Field

Coach Pat Summitt talks about this year's squad, including the two newcomers who are expected to provide a solid inside game to an already explosive offense. Coach Summitt is seen here with Mike Hammond. Photo by Donnell Field.

There was also a great **slam**-dunk contest between Jenis Grindstaff, Rashard Lee and Vincent Yarbrough. Yarbrough made a point to get the crowd into the contest by not taking a warm-up dunk. He even involved a student manager by asking him to hold a spinning basketball before seizing it and slamming it home. After the two rounds in which Yarbrough had claimed the first prize, Summitt reminded the fans that the Lady Vols were there, too, and were not about to be left out of anything in their quest for four in four. They sent their "magic one"- Chamique Holdsclaw, and the "one who's been there before" - Michelle Snow, to the line to join the contest.

Snow, a freshman this season for the Lady Vols, dunked numerous times in high school and sought to repeat that feat before the Volunteer faithful this evening. They had several tries, but could not get one to fall this special night.

Both teams looked full of **promise** as they then competed in five-minute intrasquad scrimmages. The upcoming season looks promising for both the Vols and Lady Vols; both teams appear to be loaded with returning talent and some promising newcomers. Now all that is left is to see if the teams can make good on their coaches' and players' promises of success.

The University of Tennessee would like to thank all the fans and students who made "Late Night with Pat and Jerry" a rousing success. Thanks also to WIVK, WOKI, WNOX, WXVO, Surge, adidas, The Knoxville News-Sentinel, Baskin Robbins, UT Federal Credit Union, AirTran and GTE Wireless for their sponsorship of the various contests.

— *Steve Sams*

Kozar to Receive Achievement Award

Former Vol gridiron star Andy Kozar, a member of the 1951 national champion football squad, will be honored with the 1998 Kinesiology Alumni Achievement Award.

The award is being presented by the University of Michigan's Division of Kinesiology.

Dr. Kozar is currently with the Department of Exercise Science at UT. Dr. Kozar earned a Master's (1957) and a Doctor of Philosophy (1961) degree from the University of Michigan and served as a faculty member on that campus from 1961-66.

Lettermen Website

Lettermen now have a way to keep up to date with what is going on inside the University and their organization with the formation of a Lettermen's site on the UT website.

The site will provide us with an opportunity to put more information and pictorials that will not fit into this space.

The site is still under construction, but once all is completed, all you have to reach the website is go to www.utsports.com and double click the Lettermen's Icon located in the left column.

Golf Reunion

Just a reminder that there will be a golf reunion of all former Vol golfers on Nov. 13. Those interested in participating in this event need to call (423) 974-1433 for more information.

John Carmichael

We just learned that John Carmichael who lettered here in basketball (1959-61) passed away this past June in Ohio. Our condolences go his family and friends.

Lettermen's Weekend

Nov. 21 has been set as the date for the Lettermen's Weekend. On Saturday there will be a luncheon at Thompson-Boling Arena for all Lettermen with doors opening around 11-11:30 a.m. Not finalized on time details at this time.

April 16th Lettermen's Spring Fling

The Lettermen's weekend in April has not be finalized yet, although it has been set for mid-April. Watch this page for more details in our next couple of issues, as we will pass that information on to you as it becomes available. Again the annual golf tournament will be held on Friday, but the site is still yet to be determined. The committee is still researching over a couple of different sites.

Saturday's activities will include the Orange and White game, as well as other other men's and women's sports teams participating that weekend.

—Donnell Field

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The First Basketball Games are Approaching

The advent of the 1998-99 basketball season is near. The Vols open at home with two exhibition games before heading to New Mexico to take on perennial national power Arizona in an early-season test.

But first the Vols must face the California All-Stars on Thursday, Nov. 5 with a 7:30 tip. Four days later (Monday, Nov. 9), they will face the Puerto Rican national team also at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are available.

Call the Ticket office at (423) 656-1200 to order. You may charge by phone with a Visa, MasterCard or Discover card if you like.

John Ward & Bill Anderson to be Honored Nov. 7

In June, the Volunteer broadcaster John Ward announced he will be retiring at the conclusion of this athletic year. The University of Tennessee is preparing a wonderful ceremony for the legendary pair that IS Tennessee football. The gala, titled "Give 'Em Six: A Salute to John Ward and Bill Anderson," a name that alludes to one of Ward's patented expressions as the legendary Voice of the Vols, will be held on the floor of the Thompson-Boling Arena.

Sidecourt seating tickets to the affair will only be $6. In addition, a luncheon served on the Arena floor will accommodate approximately 1000 fans at $60 each. UT will accept individual orders for $60 or reserved tables of 10 for $600.

Tickets for the luncheon on the Arena floor, catered by Calhoun's of Knoxville, may be purchased by telephoning the office of Athletic Development at (423) 974-1218.

Since the program is scheduled for early afternoon, UT will also make available a box lunch, prepared by Chick-fil-A, for $4 for persons occupying the sidecourt seating. Fans may order tickets for this seating ($6) and for box lunches ($4) by calling the Ticket office at (423) 656-1200.

With lunch served immediately following the opening of the Arena doors at noon, filmed highlights of the 1998 football season will be shown during the 12-1 hour. The program will begin at 1 p.m.

The Kickoff Call-In Show, which features Ward and Anderson, will take a step away from tradition and originate from the Arena beginning at 2:30 p.m., 90 minutes before the start of the Vols' Homecoming game with the UAB Blazers.

Don't miss this special opportunity to be a part of history as the University of Tennessee fans, friends and staff thank Ward and Anderson for so many great moments during the last 34 years.

Baseball Banquet

The 1999 Leadoff Banquet is approaching. Reserve your tickets today for the Feb. 1 event to be held at Thompson-Boling Arena. Former Los Angeles Dodgers centerfielder Brett Butler will be this year's keynote speaker. Tickets are $25 per person or $200 for a table seating eight (seven guests and one Vol baseball player or coach). The food will be catered by Calhoun's of Knoxville. For more information or to reserve your space to help get the 1999 season off right, call the Marketing office at (423) 974-1734.

The Junior Vols

Parents, take note of this club and how it can benefit your younger Volunteer fans. The University of Tennessee and Chick-fil-A have formed an elite organization offering younger Vol supporters the chance to be a part of something special.

The club is known as the Junior Vols and membership is limited to girls and boys aged 13-years-old and under.

For the annual fee of $25, members of the Junior Vols club will receive the official Junior Vols T-shirt and membership card, a birthday card from Smokey, a complimentary subscription to the Junior Vols newsletter ("Paw Prints") and free admission into certain Tennessee Olympic home sports events, including baseball, swimming, track & field, tennis and golf.

This is a wonderful opportunity to provide your special someone with the ability to support the Volunteer athletic programs through membership in the Junior Vols. For more information about this official UT kids club, contact the Marketing office at (423) 974-1734.

Basketball Games and Giveaways Approach

Volunteer fans, here is your chance to see the 1998-99 version of Jerry Green's charges in action. This year's home lidlifter is an exhibition game against the California All-Stars on Thursday, Nov. 5 at 7:30 p.m. Gates will open at 6:30 and the evening has been designated as **GTE Wireless Web Saver** night. The first 4,000 Vol faithful through the gates that evening will receive a complimentary copy of a Tennessee Volunteers screen saver. It also contains links that utilize one's web browsing software to jump to Tennessee-specific sites on the world wide web.

Following the Vols' tough road match with perennial national power Arizona to open the regular season, the Vol hoopsters will return to the friendly confines of Thompson-Boling Arena on Sunday, Nov. 15 for their first home season contest against the Tennessee State Tigers beginning at 3 p.m. **WVLT** will sponsor schedule magnet day as well. Free 1998-99 Tennessee basketball schedule magnets will be distributed to the first 7,000 Vol fans through the gates, which will open at 2 p.m.

— Compiled by Steve Sams

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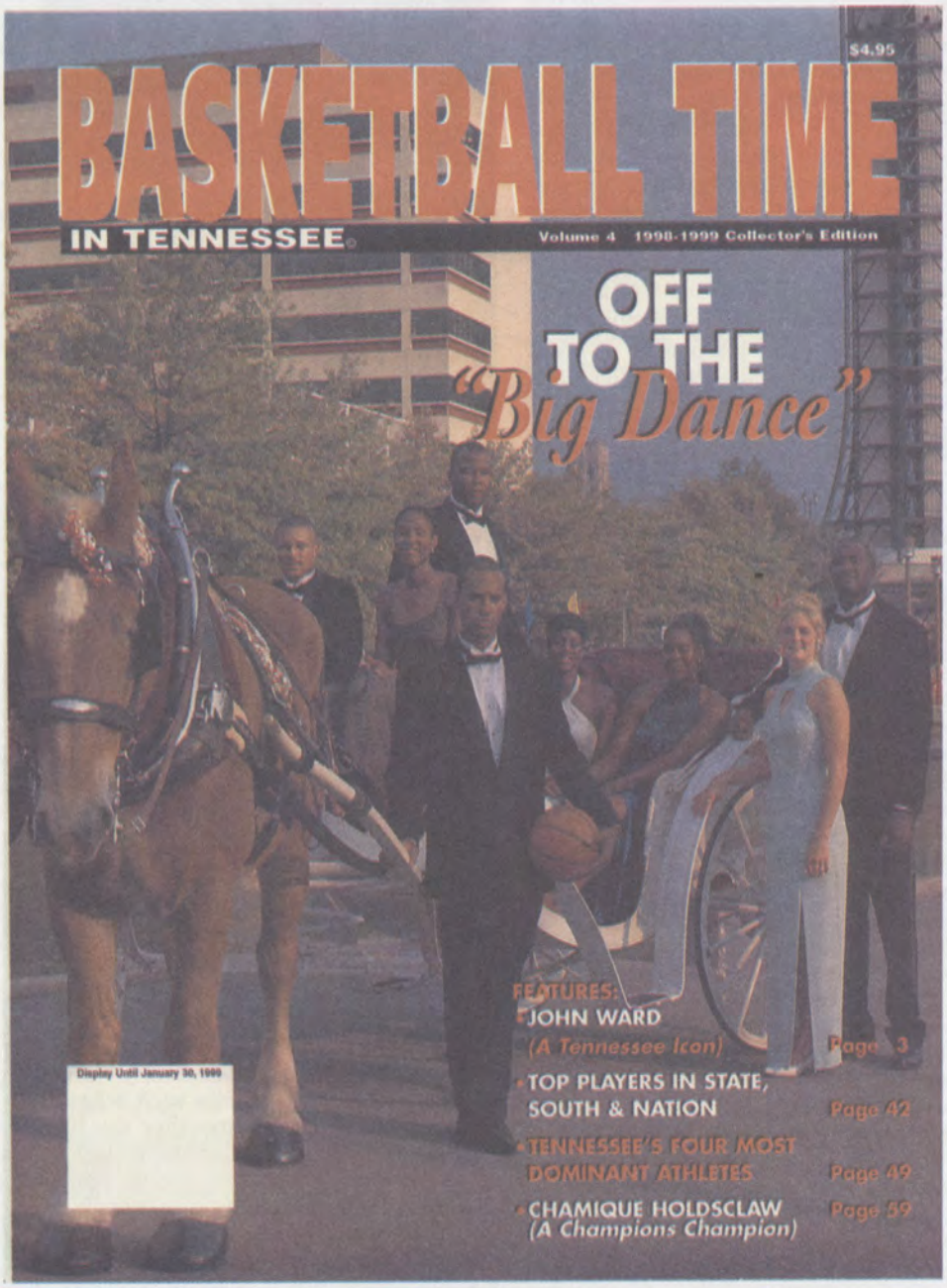

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WHAT'S IN STORE FOR THE 1998-99 VOL HOOPSTERS?

Coming off its best season in over a decade, Tennessee enters the 1998-99 campaign with a renewed sense of optimism under second-year Vol coach Jerry Green.

During Green's first season at Tennessee, scoring, attendance and most importantly, *victories* were all on the rise in Knoxville. The Vols' 20-9 overall mark and 9-7 league slate were welcomed changes from years of trying to reestablish themselves in the upper echelon of the rough Southeastern Conference.

"I think our team learned to win last year," said Green, whose team won eight of nine SEC games down the stretch. "I think we learned how to win tough games. Now, it is just a matter of doing it. We were a much more confident team at the end of the year than we were at the beginning."

Green, who came to the Vols prior to last season from Oregon, led the Volunteers to their first 20-win season since 1985 and took UT to its first NCAA Tournament since 1989 en route to earning Associated Press Southeastern Conference Coach of the Year honors. In the process, the Vols were the most improved team in the SEC last season, increasing their overall win total a whopping nine games from 11 to 20.

It was Green who promised a more up-tempo style of play from the moment he took the UT post. He and the Vols delivered last season with dramatic improvements in scoring and three-point shooting. The Vols upped their scoring average almost 19 points per game and connected on 110 more three-pointers than the previous year. By the end of the season, Tennessee's chemistry and dedication to Green's team-play could boast four players averaging double-figure scoring totals.

This season Green welcomes back one of the most talented Tennessee squads in recent memory. All five starters, most key reserves and a gifted newcomer make up the roster. The Vols return 96.6 percent of their scoring and 95 percent of their rebounding from last season, and boast one of the nation's most talented incoming freshmen.

"I'm more confident going into the season," said Green. "I feel like I know the conference better and I certainly know the University of Tennessee and our personnel a lot better. I'm cautiously optimistic about the upcoming year and certainly a lot more comfortable than I was a year ago. There are some concerns, but I look at this season as an opportunity for the University of Tennessee."

Senior guard Brandon Wharton is ready to lead his charges in 1998-99.

BACKCOURT

Tennessee is blessed with one of the nation's most talented backcourt duos in Brandon Wharton and Tony Harris. The pair combined for an average of 29 points per outing last season and connected on over 100 three-pointers.

"Brandon and Tony are certainly a combination that complements each other. I think the two of them together are like the 'Fire and Ice' backcourt at North Carolina State a few years ago," said Green. "The hardnosed play and the creativity of Tony Harris and the ability of Brandon to put the ball in the basket make those two a special backcourt combination."

A two-time All-SEC performer, Wharton enters the 1998-99 season ranked No. 15 on the Vols' all-time scoring list with 1261 points, needing just 172 points to enter the school's top 10. He led the Vols in scoring for the second consecutive season a year ago, averaging 15.2 points per outing. After playing most of his first two seasons at the point, Wharton adjusted nicely to the shooting guard role in 1998, hitting 43 percent from three-point distance (fourth in the SEC) in addition to leading the team in steals with 42.

The 6-3 Wharton ended last season on a high note, scoring 98 points (24.5 ppg.) in the Vols' last four games, including a pair of career-high 29-point performances against Georgia and Arkansas. He was the game's high scorer with 23 in UT's overtime loss to Illinois State in the NCAA Tournament. A consistent scorer his entire career, Wharton has tallied double-figures in 68 games and ranks No. 2 on Tennessee's all-time three-point field goal list with 175.

Harris came to UT as a high-profile recruit and certainly lived up to his preseason credentials as one of the nation's top freshmen. A third-team Freshman All-America pick by *Basketball Weekly*, Harris was named the SEC's Newcomer of the Year by the Associated Press and was a unanimous pick to the SEC's All-Freshman Team by the league's coaches.

Harris' quickness, ball-handling and shooting abilities make him a double threat to opponents by setting up teammates for easy baskets or nailing a jump shot. Last season Harris led the Vols in assists, averaging 4.2 per game, and was second on the team in scoring with a 14.2 average in his first year of running the team from the point-guard spot. He dished out a career-best nine assists in the NCAA Tournament and scored double-figures in 20 games as a freshman.

Senior guard Aaron Green gives the Vols one of the SEC's most potent perimeter scoring weapons off the bench. Green's long range and soft shooting touch has provided Tennessee with a three-point threat the past three seasons. Green, who battled back from a December broken foot, averaged 4.3 points last season, but erupted for a career-high 23 to lead the Vols to a win over Florida in the home finale. A gritty defender, Green is a crowd favorite at Thompson-Boling with his hustling style of play.

Swing players Vegas Davis and Del Baker return to bring the Vols versatility and athletic ability to the backcourt.

Davis, who possesses a 40-inch vertical jump, missed 10 games last year with a knee injury that required offseason surgery. An accurate shooter, Davis led the Vols in three-point shooting, connecting on 43.5 percent (20-of-46) a year ago.

Prior to his injury, Davis made 10 starts, scoring double-figures in five games, including a career-high 23 in UT's win at Southern California. He is expected to be full speed by the time preseason drills begin in the fall.

Baker, a 6-4 sophomore, improved throughout his rookie campaign and figured in the Vols' late season rush to postseason play. In a reserve role, Baker averaged 1.8 points, but showed promise in a 12-point effort in the Vols' win at Mississippi State when he hit 5-of-8 from the field that included 2-of-4 from long range.

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Tennessee's gifted frontcourt should get a boost this season from the return of center Charles Hathaway and the arrival of high school All-America Vincent Yarbrough.

The return of the 6-10, 255-pound Hathaway should show immediate dividends. Hathaway, who led the Vols in rebounding (7.1) as a freshman in 1996-97, missed most of last season after a blood clot was discovered in his shoulder in December. Following successful surgery, Hathaway missed the Vols' remaining 24 games and was granted a medical redshirt following the season.

Junior C.J. Black took up much of the inside scoring and rebounding slack during Hathaway's absence a year ago to earn All-SEC accolades. Black, a 6-8 power forward, averaged 12.6 points and hit 52 percent from the field despite facing constant double-teaming. He also paced the team in rebounding (6.8) and led the SEC in blocked shots with 73, a UT single season record.

In his two seasons at Tennessee, Black has established himself as one of the SEC's top scoring threats. The Chattanooga native has hit 52 percent of his career field goal attempts, 39 percent from three-point range and 75 percent from the free throw line. He begins his junior campaign with 679 career points.

While Black has been a scoring terror, Torrey Harris has been terrorizing opponent scorers during his UT career. Recognized as the Vols' top inside defender, Harris usually draws the task of guarding the opponent's top inside scorer. The 6-10 senior is the Vols' most experienced player on the frontline with 57 starts under his belt. Although not recognized as a scorer, Harris did connect on 51 percent of his field goal attempts last season while averaging 3.9 points.

Isiah Victor, an athletic 6-9 player, brings quickness and scoring ability to either post position. Victor averaged 7.7 points and 5.5 rebounds per game last season as a freshman, but became a major factor by the time the Vols were deep into the SEC campaign. The coaching staff looks forward to watching Victor's progression after seeing his game advance throughout his rookie campaign following a redshirt season.

The combination of Hathaway, Black, Torrey Harris and Victor should give the Vols an excellent rotation for the two inside post positions.

"I think we have four excellent post players," said Green. "I don't know if it really matters too much about who is playing and who is not playing. I think all four of them have positives that they can add to us. They are four solid post players who give some scoring options, give us shot blocking and rebounding options, and they certainly run the floor very well where they can get in on the break."

At the small forward spot, senior Rashard Lee returns following an excellent season a year ago. The 6-6 Lee blossomed under Green's up-tempo style, averaging a career-best 10.3 points and scoring double figures in 19 games. Lee was one of the SEC's most improved players last season, more than doubling his offensive production from the previous season, scoring more points (299) than his first two seasons combined (172).

Also vying for playing time along the Vols' frontline will be consensus high school All-America Vincent Yarbrough, who comes to Tennessee with the reputation as being one of the best basketball talents the state has ever produced. The 6-7 Yarbrough averaged 24 points, 14 rebounds, seven assists and five blocked shots as a senior at Cleveland High School en route to being named Tennessee's Class AAA Mr. Basketball. He looks forward to the reunion with his brother, Del Baker, a sophomore guard this season with the Vols. The brother combination led Cleveland High School to the 1997 Class AAA state championship.

The Vols open the season Nov. 13 with a nationally-televised (ESPN) game against perennial power Arizona in the Black Coaches Association Classic in Albuquerque, N.M. The Vols face tough non-conference tests at Miami (Ohio) and St. Joseph's before returning home to host intrastate rival Memphis Dec. 2 before beginning the always tough SEC schedule in January.

The SEC slate looks demanding again this season with defending national champ Kentucky headlining five schools (including Tennessee) from the league's Eastern Division to win at least 20 games last year. The Vols also face the likes of NCAA Tournament participants Arkansas and Ole Miss on the road from the SEC's Western Division.

Tennessee fans, who began to fill Thompson-Boling Arena last season, and Green have been looking forward to the start of the 1998-99 season since last March. Green and his staff hope to mesh the returning players with the incoming talent, while keeping last year's excellent team chemistry when preseason drills begin in the wee hours of Oct. 17 with Midnight Madness.

—David Grim

Date	*Opponent*	*Date*	*Opponent*	*Date*	*Opponent*
Nov. 5	**California All-Stars (Exh.)**	Dec. 19	@ South Florida	**Feb. 6**	**Mississippi State**
Nov. 9	**Porto Rico Nationals (Exh.)**	**Dec. 21**	**UNC Greensboro**	**Feb. 10**	**Florida**
Nov. 13	Arizona*	Jan. 2	@ Auburn	**Feb. 13**	**Vanderbilt**
Nov. 15	**Tennessee State**	**Jan. 6**	**LSU**	Feb. 17	@ Mississippi
Nov. 17	**Cal-State Northridge**	**Jan. 9**	**South Carolina**	Feb. 20	@ South Carolina
Nov. 19	@ Miami (Ohio)	Jan. 12	@ Kentucky	Feb. 23	@ Georgia
Nov. 24	**UT-Chattanooga**	**Jan. 20**	**Georgia**	**Feb. 28**	**Kentucky**
Nov. 30	**Western Carolina**	Jan. 23	@ Florida	***Mar. 4-7***	***SEC Tournament***
Dec. 2	**Memphis**	Jan. 27	@ Vanderbilt		***(@ Atlanta/Georgia Dome)***
Dec. 6	**Pittsburgh**	**Jan. 30**	**Alabama**		
Dec. 10	@ St. Joseph's	Feb. 2	@ Arkansas		

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Lady Vols...

Preparing Drive for Fourth Straight!

The 25th edition of a Pat Summitt-coached University of Tennessee Lady Volunteer basketball team has a great dilemma before it in 1998-99. The Lady Vols are the three-time defending NCAA Champions and during last season's campaign, they ran the table for a perfect 39-0 record - the best ever in men's or women's collegiate basketball. As they plan to pull away from the friendly confines of "ThirtyNineAndO'Ville," this team and its staff have to wonder, "Where do we go from here?"

The 1998 team sure liked the folks in "ThirtyNineAndO'Ville." Crowds came out to see them play in record numbers ... almost 400,000 in all. The town was painted Orange and White from one end to the other. It was a good place to raise four freshmen and accustom them to the ways of the collegiate basketball world. It helped to foster team cohesion and lent an attitude of "whatever it takes to win." The Lady Vols' season-long trip to "ThirtyNineAndO'Ville" took women's collegiate basketball to new heights in terms of exciting wide-open play. So where can this team go, now, once it finally pulls away from old 39-0?

The mindset of the squad seems to be driven to perfection as every starter and key reserve returns in addition to a talented group of newcomers. Only three players moved out of "ThirtyNineAndO'Ville" after last season. Two players graduated -- reserve guard Laurie Milligan (2.0 ppg, 0.4 rpg) and Academic All-SEC forward Brynae Laxton (1.2 ppg, 1.9 rpg). Laxton actually had a fifth year available to her but elected to pursue medical school after completing her exercise science requirements with a 3.97 grade point average. Reserve guard and three-point specialist Misty Greene (2.0 ppg, 1.2 rpg) will not return for her senior season but will remain at UT in pursuit of her degree in elementary education.

"We are very aware of what our strengths and weaknesses are entering this season. Our strengths are obvious - veteran play, key leadership, depth, speed and athleticism at every position, and the unanimous selection for Player of the Year in the starting lineup," tallied Summitt.

"On the other hand, our weaknesses could prove to be costly. Last year, our 'glaring' weakness was supposedly the post game. However, I think LaShonda Stephens did a nice job, and Teresa Geter really stepped up as a freshman. Still people tried to exploit it as a weakness both offensively and defensively and we need to take care of business in the post this season. Hopefully, the post needs will be met with the addition of 6'5" Michelle Snow and 6'3" Shalon Pillow and a year's more experience for Stephens and Geter. And secondly, we can't afford to rest on our laurels and become complacent. This team needs to be hungry to continue to excel," she concluded.

If the Lady Vols are to figure out where they go from "ThirtyNineAndO'Ville" they need to look no further than the most experienced driver on the team, 6'2" senior forward Chamique Holdsclaw (23.5 ppg, 8.4 rpg). Already the most decorated player in Lady Vol history, Holdsclaw returns for her senior campaign sporting a new muscled look and a better all-around game (if that's possible). She spent last spring and early summer traveling with the USA National Team as it captured the gold medal in the World Championships. If you're keeping score on Holdsclaw, that's a junior high title, four consecutive state championships at Christ the King H.S. (New York), three NCAA collegiate titles, and a gold medal in the World Championships. Not a bad streak for an unassuming three-time Kodak All-America and the 1998 Player of the Year.

As the matriarch "Meek" of the three Meeks - Chamique, Tamika (Catchings) and Semeka (Randall) - Holdsclaw thrived last season feeding off of the energy and creativity of the younger players. After suffering through a tough sophomore campaign feeling like she had the weight of the team on her shoulders, she excelled during her junior year from the adrenaline surge of the newcomers.

"Chamique's game is more complete than ever," said Summitt. "We challenged her to become a better defensive player last season and to extend her defensive abilities from the half court to the full court game. The result was a team-leading 110 steals and more opportunities to score off of her defense. And her challenge this year? Continued consistency and leadership...Our team looks to her so much.

"I'm excited for Chamique as she begins her senior season. She has the opportunity to become the all-time leading scorer and rebounder in Tennessee basketball history. Her name has already been etched on so many awards, it would be fitting if she held those two distinctions as well," said a reflective Summitt.

With the departure of Greene and Laxton from the senior class, Holdsclaw and 5'10" senior point guard Kellie Jolly (7.6 ppg, 2.3 rpg, 3.8 apg) are the lone holdovers. If Holdsclaw is the team's driver then consider Jolly riding shotgun with the map in her lap. This duo has developed a synergy, so unique to sport, over the last three years. Jolly instinctively finds Holdsclaw, even when she's triple-teamed, with a pinpoint pass or an alley-oop up near the rim.

Jolly's game has evolved over the past year to fit in with the style of the "runnin' Meeks," and she has become a more all-around player because of it. One who passes more than she looks to score, Jolly connected on a career-high 20 points in the 1998 NCAA Championship game against Louisiana Tech.

As the seniors sitting in the front seat, Holdsclaw and Jolly have the opportunity to become the first players, male or female, to win four consecutive NCAA basketball championships. However, to successfully make the journey from "ThirtyNineAndO'Ville" to San Jose, Calif., site of the 1999 Final Four, these seniors are going to need relief drivers, navigational assistance and a great pit crew.

Of the remaining seven returnees, the juniors have endured the most ups and downs of anyone on the team. True, they sport two NCAA titles for two years of service. However, they were impressionable rookies when the Lady Vols went 29-10 and wound up with the 1997 NCAA Championship in spite of themselves. Perhaps their road-tested and hardened experiences will be a big help along the way in the coming season. Leading the group of third-year players is 6'1" guard Kyra Elzy (7.0 ppg, 4.0 rpg), who appears to be fully recovered from a torn anterior cruciate ligament suffered on Feb. 1, 1998, in a 73-66 victory over Alabama.

A healthy Elzy now appears headed down the road to a great junior campaign. Also off the nagging injury list from last season is 6'0" forward Niya Butts (1.8 ppg, 1.1 rpg). A jump-start kind of a player as a rookie, Butts was slow to recover from painful shin

The final member of the junior trio is 6'3" center LaShonda Stephens (4.0 ppg, 3.4 rpg) who logged 31 starts in 39 games. As a freshman, Stephens played behind a pair of imposing pivots in Pashen Thompson and Tiffani Johnson. Last season, however, she was the lone ranger with collegiate experience in the post and that fact drew the tag line that Tennessee's weakness in 1998 was post play. Despite the knock, Stephens held her own in the paint.

As the team pulls away from "ThirtyNineAndO'Ville," the most misty-eyed bunch in the Lady Vol vehicle will be the sophomores. Afterall, the "Fabulous Four Frosh" - 6'1" forward Tamika Catchings (18.2 ppg, 8.0 rpg), 5'11" guard Kristen "Ace" Clement (5.6 ppg, 2.2 rpg), 6'3" center Teresa Geter (6.3 ppg, 4.8 rpg) and 5'10" guard Semeka Randall (15.9 ppg, 5.3 rpg) -- grew up in "ThirtyNineAndO'Ville," and that's the only home they've ever known. But if you've ever moved away from your friends as a kid, you know that the best cure for homesickness is finding new kids in another swell neighborhood. This group will have no problem adapting however the season goes.

"I can't say enough about what this group has meant to our basketball team," declared Summitt. "Their collective energy and enthusiasm for the game spread throughout our team last year. They couldn't wait to practice, and every game was like waking up on Christmas morning. Just seeing their excitement and the wonderful looks of anticipation on their faces was great for our team," she added.

Making perhaps the biggest statement of all, particularly in the record books, was Catchings - Meek number two. The explosive forward earned Kodak All-America honors and became only the second Lady Vol rookie (the other was Holdsclaw) ever to do so. Catchings also made a shambles of the all-time rookie records, becoming the leading scorer with 711 points, and the top freshman average of 18.2 ppg. After her meeting with Michael Jordan in Chicago last January, "Catch" went out and set the single game freshman record with 35 points against DePaul.

Another player who Summitt finds contributing all over the court is Randall - Meek number three. It was apparent from the start that Randall was going to be the "energizer. "She begged to play full-court, sideline-to-sideline defense. She dove for loose balls. She challenged the home crowd in just her second appearance to make a little more noise in the Louisiana Tech game by cupping her hand over her ear as if to say, "I can't hear you!"

Consistency is something that the third member of this group, Geter, exhibited from the first day she stepped on the floor. She had read the papers enough to know that inexperience in the post was destined to be Tennessee's downfall in 1998. The least heralded player in last year's class, Geter didn't worry about the criticisms and set out to do something about them.

Her first taste of big-time collegiate basketball came against Louisiana Tech in just the second game of her career. Against Tech's formidable post game, the rookie rejected five shots, scored 11 points and registered six rebounds in only 17 minutes of playing time. It would be the first of many times during her inaugural season that she would come up big, in the biggest games. Geter even inked her name in the record books as a rookie, having recorded the most blocks in a single season (93) in Tennessee Lady Vol basketball history.

The final member of the "Super Sophs" started off her Lady Vol career on the wrong foot, literally. Clement had a great preseason before she suffered a stress fracture in her right foot that caused her to miss six of the team's first seven games. By mid-January, she had caught back up to the group and began contributing on a consistent basis. By tournament time, the confidence and poise she brought to the court were not lost on anyone.

"She's a good communicator as a floor leader, and I like the tenacity she brings to the game. She and Kellie complement each other's style of play, which gives our team an added dimension," said Summitt.

Either Clement or Jolly can handle the navigation chores for the 1999 team. As a senior, Jolly may know a few back ways and shortcuts, but Clement is a quick study as a sophomore. Last year, despite playing just 33 games, she finished with 107 assists which was the fifth best total ever by a Lady Vol rookie.

Ah, the rookies... The class of '02 features two dominating posts and the first walk-ons to join the team in eight years. Freshmen post players 6'3" Shalon Pillow from Addyston, Ohio (Taylor H.S.), and 6'5" Michelle Snow from Pensacola, Fla. (Pensacola H.S.), know that they're not just hitching a ride with a program which has generated six NCAA titles since 1987. Summitt and Company eagerly await the contributions the pair is projected to make in the paint.

Snow will have Pillow as a rookie partner-in-crime in the paint. Where Snow is long and willowy, Pillow presents an imposing physical presence inside reminiscent of former Lady Vol Pashen Thompson. Also a high school All-America and a Naismith Player of the Year finalist, Pillow carted home a truckload of honors at Taylor H.S., where she averaged 22.4 ppg, 11.2 rpg, and 4.1 bpg as a senior.

A pair of walk-ons from the state of Tennessee found their way onto the roster in August when Summitt added Amanda Canon, a 5'10" guard/forward from Shelbyville, Tenn., and Sarah Edwards, a 5'11" guard/forward from Sevierville, Tenn. Perhaps Edwards greatest notoriety comes with winning the Heisman Trophy for scholastic excellence. In December 1997, Edwards shared the same stage with Vol football great Peyton Manning when he went to the New York Downtown Athletic Club for the Heisman announcement. The night before, Edwards had been named as the recipient of the Wendy's High School Heisman Award presented to the nation's top prep scholar-athlete.

With the type of schedule Tennessee plays and the rigorous style they enjoy, Summitt's happy to have stocked the line-up with 13 sets of fresh wheels. "Our schedule sure doesn't get any easier," commented Summitt. "Our home slate is strong but our road schedule leaves practically no margin for error."

Sounds like a lot of steep grades, dangerous curves, and road hazards in the offing on the trip from "Knokville." Nonetheless, the coach eagerly awaits the challenge.

Tennessee will celebrate the 1998 NCAA title with the banner raising on Nov. 13 in the home opener against the University of Portland

The Lady Vols will begin the year with a string of 45 consecutive wins and if UT is able to pass several early tests, it would enter the game with Stanford on Dec. 19 in a position to tie Louisiana Tech's long-standing record of 54 consecutive wins. If successful, Tennessee could break the record two days later (Dec. 21) in a game with UCLA. But that's a lot of "ifs" and potential speed bumps and stop signs.

"We really are excited to have put together such a high caliber schedule for the coming season," said Summitt. "We welcome UCLA back on our schedule for the first time since 1990 and we look forward to taking on Duke as a first-time opponent."

Summitt is extremely pleased to be taking her team to Madison Square Garden to face the Scarlet Knights of Rutgers. "I am so happy that it worked out to play a game in the Garden during Chamique Holdsclaw's senior season at Tennessee. What a wonderful homecoming for someone who has helped lead her team to three consecutive NCAA titles," said Summitt.

By season's end, Summitt hopes her troops will have endured the journey from "ThirtyNineAndO'Ville," and at least taken in the sights along the way. Her top driver is ready to make the trip with relief drivers in the wings and her navigators have plotted the course. Despite the killer schedule, hopefully, no one will develop car sickness along the route.

So long "ThirtyNineAndO'Ville" By the way, do you know the way to San Jose?

— *Debbie Jenning*

Date	*Opponent*	*Date*	*Opponent*	*Date*	*Opponent*
Nov. 8	**EXHIBITION**	Dec. 17	Arkansas	**Feb. 4**	**MISSISSIPPI**
Nov. 13	**PORTLAND**	**Dec. 19**	**STANFORD**	**Feb. 6**	**MISSISSIPPI STATE**
Nov. 15	*State Farm Women's Tip-Off Classic*	**Dec. 21**	**UCLA**	Feb. 7	Vanderbilt
	(West Lafayette, IN)	Dec. 29	Mississippi	Feb. 14	Auburn
	N. Carolina vs. Kansas	Jan. 3	Rutgers	**Feb. 16**	**MEMPHIS**
	Tennessee vs. Purdue		(@ Madison Square Garden)	**Feb. 18**	**VANDERBILT**
Nov. 16	**ST. JOSEPH'S**	**Jan. 7**	**SOUTH CAROLINA**	Feb. 21	Louisiana State
Nov. 28	Texas	Jan. 10	Connecticut	Feb. 25-28	SEC Tournament
Nov. 30	Louisiana Tech	**Jan. 14**	**GEORGIA**		Chattanooga, TN
Dec. 3	**DEPAUL**	**Jan. 17**	**KENTUCKY**		
Dec. 6	*Honda Elite 4 Holiday Classic*	Jan. 19	Old Dominion		
	(Orlando, FL)	Jan. 21	Florida		
	Illinois vs. Washington	Jan. 28	Georgia		
	Tennessee vs. Duke	Jan. 31	Alabama		

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Faces in Big Orange Country

Matt McWilliams pulled off the biggest surprise of the young 1998-99 golf season. The sophomore from Franklin had his best tournament as a Vol finishing tied for first at the Adams Cup in Rhode Island last week. McWilliams best finish last season came at the The Nelson Intercollegiate where he placed tied for 28th, with a three-day total of 222. However, his best score was a 221, good enough to earn himself a 29th-place finish at the Keswick Club Cavalier Classic. McWilliams came to Tennessee after a state high school championship in 1996 and a Tennessee PGA Junior Championship that same year. McWilliams is now out to claim sole possession of the medalist honor.

Freshman **Stephanie Knight** (Gilbert, Ariz./Gilbert) has begun her Tennessee career with a bang, as she is the only true-freshman to have started all 18 matches for the Lady Vol volleyball team this season. Thus far, Knight is averaging 1.53 digs, 1.73 kills, 0.62 blocks and 0.33 service aces per game. As one of four freshman starters in 1998 for UT, Knight has helped the Lady Vols to a 13-5 (3-3 SEC) start, their best since 1986. In a 3-0 (15-13, 15-5, 15-13) victory over Mississippi State on Oct. 4, she registered a team- and career-high five service aces. Against Georgia on Oct. 16, she recorded a career-high 17 kills.

Lance Asti, sophomore, is one of the Aqua Vols top sprint freestylers this season after a successful freshman campaign. Asti demonstrated his prowess at the Orange and White swim meet by taking both the 50 and 100 freestyle events. The Bloomington Hills, Mich., qualified for the NCAA Championships in the 50 freestyle and posted a season-best time of 20.31 at the national meet. He also earned honorable mention All-America honors for his service on the Vols' 400 freestyle relay squad. In addition to success in the pool, Asti has found similar success in the classroom, earning Academic All-America honors with a 3.67 GPA in arts and sciences.

After spending her freshman season at the University of Arkansas, where she started all 19 matches for the Lady'Backs', **Natalie Balash** transferred to UT and has been a key member of the women's soccer team. The Lady Vols had yet to play a game in their history, so gaining a starter from a conference foe was a quick boost to head coach Charlie MacCabe's program. Not only has the Plano, Texas, native been a defensive stalwart for the Orange and White, she has also served as the squad's co-captain each year, starting 51 of 54 contests. A member of the SEC and Lady Vol Academic honor rolls, the pre-dentistry major hopes to attend medical school next fall.

The Last Word...

A Memorable Trip to Columbia in 1970!

When Tennessee and South Carolina squad off on Nov. 7, 1970 in Columbia, it was the Vols' first trip to the Palmetto State since 1942 and only the ninth game ever between the two schools. The Vols and Gamecocks had played in Knoxville in 1965, 1966 and 1969, all Vol victories, and the trip across the mountain to Columbia was a new experience for Vol fans.

Bill Battle's first team was on a roll that season, with a 6-1 record heading into November, what with victories over SMU,, Army, Georgia Tech, Alabama, Florida and Wake Forest, against a solitary loss to Auburn in Week 2.

The facts of the game may be stated simply. George Hunt rammed home a 31-yard field goal with 11 seconds to go to give the Vols a hard-fought 20-18 victory over Paul Dietzel's team that only moments before appeared to have the verdict under lock and key. Hunt's kick at the south end climaxed a savage fourth-quarter battle in which the Vols and Gamecocks each enjoyed the upper hand.

It was Hunt's miss of a shorter field goal early in the fourth stanza that appeared to breathe new life into the home team, who trailed 10-3 after three periods. The Gamecocks took the lead at 11-10 and the scoring parade was on. The Vols recoiled to lead 17-11, before Carolina took the lead at 18-17 to set up Hunt's heroics. Here's how it happened.

The team exchanged turnovers on their first possession, a Conrad Graham interception being followed by a Steve Wold fumble. But Tim Priest grabbed another oskie and Bobby Scott cashed it in three plays later with a 32-yard scoring toss to Stan Trott, the famed "Scott-to-Trott" hook-up so famous that season. The Vols added another field goal, a 32-yarder by Hunt and it was 10-0 with 8:57 left in the first stanza. South Carolina had a field goal of its own after Dickie Harris returned the ensuing kickoff 68 yards to the Vol 26.

The half ended 10-3 and no one across the expanse of Carolina Stadium knew what was coming, particularly in the final 15 minutes.

After Hunt's miss (a decision he appeared to debate intently with referee Carl Deane), SC hit a 48-yard pass and, thus inspired, moved to a TD and two-point conversion and the arena was jumping.

Steve Wold was a part of that UT team that traveled to Columbia and eked out a 20-18 win. The Vols hold a 12-2-2 advantage over the Gamecocks.

Tennessee's Kevin Milam, not to be outdone by Harris' kickoff heroics, took the kickoff back 49 yards and before you could say "Go Big Orange," the Vols were back in the end zone. Scott hit Gary Theiler for 20 and found fullback Curt Watson for a 20-yard score. It was 17-11 with 6:45 left.

On the next possession, SC had it 3rd-and-20 at the 39 when QB Tommy Suggs found tight end Jim Mitchell wide open over the middle and the big guy found paydirt on a 61-yard completion to give the Gamecocks an 18-17 lead.

When Dennis Chadwick threw an interception, SC had it at the 3, coming off their goal with 2:30 left. Vol defenders stopped three running plays and the Vol offense got it back at the SC 42 with 1:37 left and that was plenty of time to get the job done.

The crowd of 42,788 was into the game in a big way when the Vols came to the line.

Here came the game's biggest play. The Vols hit the Gamecocks with a surprise, or so it seemed at the time. With everybody thinking pass, here came Wold barreling up the middle on a draw play for 22 yards and the field position the Vols would need for the game-winning field goal. There were 11 seconds showing when Hunt, the last straight-on placekicker the Vols have had, save Adam Esptein part-time in 1988, knocked it home.

SC had time for one play before the final horn and the Vols had escaped with a narrow victory, but a victory nonetheless.

Both coaches praised the effort displayed by their teams.

"I am very proud of our players," Battle said. "They felt they could move the ball and get the score. We kept moving it all over the field, but couldn't come up with a score. I don't think we executed very well today, but South Carolina did a good job and had a fine game plan. They are well-coached and did a good job of preparing for our attack.

"On the scoring drive, we felt we could pop the draw play because their linebackers were pulling out to cover the pass. Steve Wold did a fine job on the run. I was glad to get by with the win. Anytime you play South Carolina in Columbia with that crowd it is a tough football game. We have to get better because Kentucky, Vanderbilt and UCLA will be coming after us."

Dietzel was equally proud of his team.

"This was one of the greatest efforts I have ever seen," he said. "My only regret is that these young men couldn't have won the football game. A game like this really tears your guts out. Tennessee is a fine team that came up with the big play in the clutch. Tennessee runs the option play exceptionally well and they hurt us a couple of times with it, but, for the most part, we played it really well."

It's been 28 years since that fateful November day at Carolina Stadium, but the trips to Columbia have always featured big plays, an aroused crowd and an occasional surprise hero. There's no reason to think it won't be any different this season.

That's the way things appeared in 1970, when the Vols made their first trip to Columbia in 28 years. Funny how that number 28 keeps creeping in.

— Tom Mattingly

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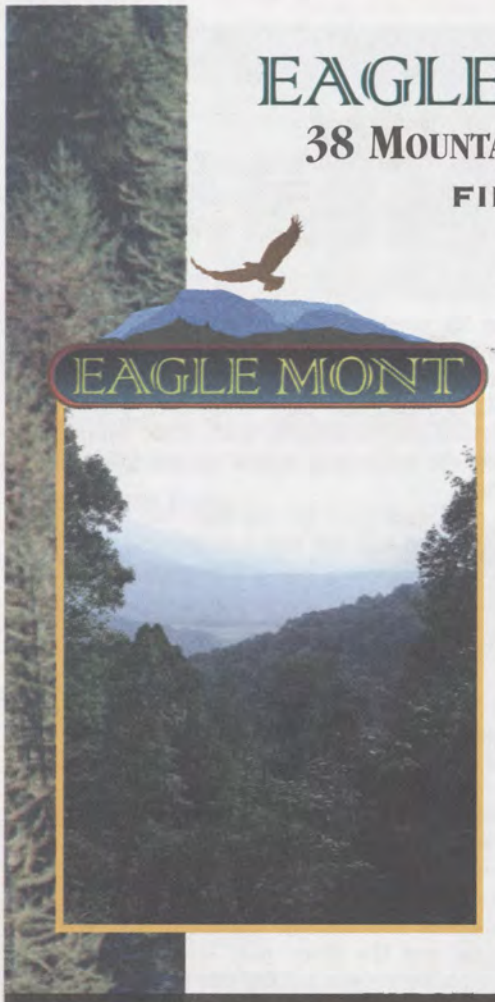

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